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GROUP 260  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MASATOSHI NAGANO ) : Examiner: M. Day  
Serial No.: 08/094,896 ) : Group Art Unit: 2613  
Filed: July 22, 1993 ) :  
For: VIDEO CAMERA ) : June 13, 1994  
 ) (Monday)

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 11, 1994, the period for responding to which having been extended, up to and including June 13, 1994 (Monday), by the filing herewith of a Petition for extension of time and the appropriate fees, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims comprising Group I (namely Claims 1-34 and 42-45), as characterized by the Examiner. In further response to the election of species requirement in the outstanding Official Action, Applicant elects to prosecute the particular species of Group I comprising the embodiment corresponding to Claims 1-12, which is depicted in Figures 1-5 and 10 of the above-referenced application.

Applicant's election to prosecute the invention of Group I is made with traverse. The Examiner contends that the inventions of Groups I and II, characterized as being related as a combination and subcombination, are patentably distinct. Despite their separate classifications, Applicant respectfully submits that the inventions of Groups I and II are so closely related in the field of video cameras that it is believed that the Examination of the claims of Group I will necessarily entail substantial overlap with the examination of the claims of Group II, and, therefore, prosecution of both groups at the same time would be the most expeditious means of handling prosecution. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully sought.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 347-8100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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